GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7594
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STRIKE IN NTPC
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers of the NTPC were on strike from April 16, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether they have submitted any charter of demands to NTPC;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any efforts are being made to consider any of their demands; and

(f) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) : No charter of demands has been received by NTPC in this connection.However, Central Leaders of AITUC, BMS & CITU had given a notice, dated 2.4.2002, informing of their intent to go on strike at all NTPC Power Stations on 16.4.2002 forreasons like outright sale and disinvestments of shares of PSUs, downsizing/retrenchmentand uncalled for closure of stick PSUs, etc. Subsequently, strike notices were received from 15 unions at various units of NTPC.Discussions were held with Central Leaders at the apex level, local level as well as at tripartite level wherein they were urged to exempt NTPC from the purview of the strike. Following the consistent persuasions at apex, local and tripartite levels, the strike notices from all the 15 unions were withdrawn by late evening on 15.4.2002.

Reports received from all projects on 16.4.2002 indicated that there was no strike in NTPC. Attendance was normal and there was no stoppage of work. Plant activities were normal and there was no loss in generation due to the strike call.

(d) to (f) : Not applicable in view of (c) above.